

established at the State Department through a provision in the supplemental appropriations bill that was signed into law in June. The administration has avoided doing so for years, and our diplomatic efforts have suffered as a result.

I'm under no illusion that these actions alone will stop the Sudanese government. The international community must put a credible force on the ground as soon as possible. NATO should be prepared to help the AMIS hand-off to the United Nations. It is imperative that the President pick up the phone and talk to our NATO allies about how to do that. He should also call the president of the African Union and the U.N. Secretary General about going to Khartoum to talk to President Bashir about his government's rejection of the U.N. Security Council resolution. And the Secretary of State must get involved in diplomatic efforts to convince the Sudanese to cooperate with the implementation of Security Council resolution. I understand that Assistant Secretary of State Frazer was sent to Khartoum over the Labor Day weekend. She met with President Bashir, but according to all reports, the meeting did not result in any change in Khartoum's posture towards the deployment of U.N. troops. I applaud the administration for sending Dr. Frazer. But with all due respect I think we need to be engaged at higher levels.

It has been 12 years since the international community watched nearly a million people get killed in Rwanda, and 11 years since the world stood by as the massacres in Srebrenica occurred. Since then, President Clinton took decisive action to stop ethnic cleansing act in Bosnia, and then in Kosovo. Both missions were controversial—even unpopular. But the cost of inaction was too high. The cost of inaction in Darfur is too high as well.

SENATE RESOLUTION 560—SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND RESEARCH

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 560

Whereas an estimated 12,400 children will be diagnosed with cancer in the year 2005;

Whereas cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under age 15;

Whereas an estimated 2,300 children will die from cancer in the year 2005;

Whereas the incidence of cancer among children in the United States is rising by about one percent each year;

Whereas 1 in every 330 Americans develops cancer before age 20;

Whereas approximately 8 percent of deaths of those between 1 and 19 years of age are caused by cancer;

Whereas while some progress has been made, a number of funding opportunities for childhood cancer research still remain;

Whereas increasing the focus on childhood cancer research requires the recruitment of additional investigators and physicians to pediatric oncology;

Whereas peer-reviewed clinical trials are the standard of care for pediatrics and have improved cancer survival rates among children;

Whereas the number of survivors of childhood cancer continues to grow, with about 1 in 640 adults between the ages of 20 and 39 having a history of cancer;

Whereas up to ⅓ of childhood cancer survivors are likely to experience at least one late effect from treatment, many of which may be life-threatening;

Whereas some late effects of cancer treatment are identified early in follow-up and are easily resolved, while others may become chronic problems in adulthood and may have serious consequences; and

Whereas 89 percent of children with cancer experience substantial suffering in the last month of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that Congress should support—

(1) public and private sector efforts to promote awareness about the incidence of cancer among children, the signs and symptoms of cancer in children, treatment options, and long-term follow-up;

(2) public and private investment in childhood cancer research to improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, post-treatment monitoring, and long-term survival;

(3) medical trainees and investigators in the field of pediatric oncology;

(4) policies that provide incentives to encourage the development of drugs and biologics designed to treat pediatric cancers;

(5) policies that encourage participation in clinical trials;

(6) medical education curricula designed to improve pain management for cancer patients; and

(7) policies that enhance education, services, and other resources related to late effects from treatment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 561—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2006, AS "RURAL AMERICA MONTH"

Mr. REID (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 561

Whereas more than 55 million people live in rural areas of the country;

Whereas rural areas make up eighty percent of the United States landscape;

Whereas our rural communities are diverse, dynamic engines for growth in America;

Whereas the contribution of rural Americans to the national economy is invaluable;

Whereas rural America's natural renewable resources can help our nation break its dangerous reliance on foreign oil;

Whereas rural America's farmers and ranchers feed families across the country and around the globe while being stewards of our land and natural resources;

Whereas rural Americans look to their local police officers, firefighters, EMTs and National Guard to keep them safe in times of national emergencies;

Whereas the highest concentrations of veterans are found in rural counties;

Whereas rural Americans deserve access to affordable health care;

Whereas rural Americans deserve the finest education we can offer;

Whereas rural America is a key part of our growing information highway;

Whereas Americans in rural areas reflect values that make America great—community, service, hard work, family, and responsibility—their contributions should be recognized and commended: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of September 2006, as 'Rural America Month' and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe 'Rural America Month' with appropriate ceremonies and activities during the month of September.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4907. Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

SA 4908. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4909. Mr. MENENDEZ proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4910. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4911. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4912. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4913. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4914. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5631, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4915. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. REID, and Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4916. Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. COCHRAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4917. Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4918. Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, supra.

SA 4919. Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. ALLEN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security